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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. UNSC DEBATE ON ISRAELI ACTION CONTINUES

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES ITS DEBATE THIS MORNING. LEBANESE UN AMBASSADOR GHORRA SHOWED AMBASSADOR SCALI A "NON-DRAFT" RESOLUTION PRIOR TO YESTERDAY'S SESSION THAT CONTAINED PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE ON ISRAELI "AIR PIRACY" AND "HIJACKING." THE OPERATIVE PARTS OF THE "NON-DRAFT" STRONGLY CONDEMN ISRAEL'S ACTION AND CALL FOR ICAO AND OTHER ORGANS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. THE COMMON ARAB/SOVIET THEME DURING YESTERDAY'S DEBATE WAS THAT THE ACTION CONSTITUTED "STATE TERRORISM" AND SHOULD RESULT IN STRONG SANCTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2860, (EXDIS) AND (UNCLASSIFIED) USUN 2862, 8/14.

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2. KIM TAE CHUNG SURFACES IN SEOUL

EMBASSY SEOUL REPORTS THAT OPPOSITION POLITICIAN KIM TAE CHUNG REAPPEARED LAST NIGHT IN SEOUL. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS SHORTLY AFTER HIS RELEASE, KIM SAID HE WAS BROUGHT TO KOREA BY BOAT FROM JAPAN AND THAT HIS AB-

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DUCTORS DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE "SAVE THE NATION LEAGUE," WHICH THEY SAID IS "ANTI-COMMUNIST AND DESIGNED TO PRESERVE DEMOCRACY." (UNCLASSIFIED) SEOUL 5365, 8/14.

3. CAMBODIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SWANK AUGUST 12, LON NOL PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO CONVINCE PRIME MINISTER IN TAM TO STAY ON TO AVERT AN OPEN CRISIS. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT IN TAM WAS TO PRESENT A WRITTEN EXPOSE ON HIS DISSATISFACTION TO THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL, AND NOTES THAT THIS MOVE WILL HOPEFULLY BUY FURTHER TIME FOR COMPROMISE AND CONCILIATION. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 8385, 8/13 (EXDIS).

4. SAUDIS CONSIDER OIL PRODUCTION CURBS

DURING A CALL ON SAUDI PETROLEUM MINISTER YAMANI TO PRESENT THE US PAPER ON OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES' INVESTMENTS, AMBASSADOR THACHER LEARNED THAT THE SAUDI SUPREME PETROLEUM COUNCIL (SPC) IS DEFINITELY CONSIDERING CRUDE PRODUCTION LIMITATIONS. YAMANI SAID THE COUNCIL WAS SO CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY PUT ON A CEILING IF ANY ACTION WERE TAKEN TO ASSERT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY OVER SUCH INVESTMENTS. YAMANI ADDED THAT THE TREND OF SPC THINKING ALREADY FAVORED POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS ON THE RATE OF OIL PRODUCTION INCREASE, MOSTLY ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS, THOUGH POLITICS AND ARAMCO'S PRESENT "PELL-MELL" PRODUCTION POLICY WERE FACTORS. ALTHOUGH NO ACTION IS EXPECTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, THE EMBASSY PLANS A PROMPT PRESENTATION OF A TRANSLATION OF THE PAPER TO PRINCE FAHD ALONG WITH A CAREFUL FORMULATION OF THE SERIOUS
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IMPLICATIONS WHICH ANY PRODUCTION LIMITATION COULD HAVE. (SECRET)JIDDA 3444, 8/13 (EXDIS). ROGERS

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